

FISCAL NOTE

SB 235 - HB 437

February 9, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires health insurance providers to include coverage for maternity care in any policy for medical and surgical services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Expenditures:
Exceeds \$100,000/Health Insurance Industry*

Estimate assumes:

- TennCare currently covers maternity care, as does the state employees' health insurance plan.
- Local governmental health insurance plans cover maternity care.
- Some private health insurance plans and individual policies do not cover maternity care. According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, employers that have employee health insurance plans are not required by federal regulations to provide maternity care as a part of their plan unless they employ more than 15 employees. The requirement to cover maternity care would increase costs to private plans.

**The impact on the health industry is included as required by Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 1989.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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